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Hon. J. C. Collier:
Barnsville, Ga.

My dear Seneator and Kinsman:

Yours of April 22nd last came to me shortly after my return from Tampa. I got out of a sick bed of several months standing to attend this U. C. V Reunion at Tampa, as I felt that it was my duty to go. Having been ten times elected by acclimation by my old comarades as the Commander of Forrest Calvary. You may not have been born early enough to remember the great conflict known as the Civil War. Every Confederate soilder who did his duty measured up to the highest standard of a man. But no body of soilders in all history possessed more patriotism or exhibited more courage and determination to do or die for their country than the followers of Nathan Bedford Forrest.

I dicated an answer to your letter and promised a full reply, but my recuperation has been slow.

The book upon which I would predicate my answer is "The Virginia Cousins" and as you are compiling a history of this family, I wanted my reply to be full and complete, as I am proud of my name and I want a copy of your book. My book has been loaned out to some of the absent members of the family, I have it now. And will after hearing from you futher endeavor to give you a brief history. Have you a copy of the Virginia Cousins? If not I think it would aid you very much in your great work, but when you read it you will conclude that you are kin to everybody who was ever born in Virginia and their decendants throughout the world. The Compiler of that book was born as I remember in Ohio. And evidently had little information of the southeren branch of the name, it was a stupendous work. And in the main, so far as he knew it was fairly correct. I find in that book a good many Colliers from Georgia. Some of them in your own town. If you have not a copy of The Virginia Cousins, I will gladly lend you my copy, which I prize highly. But I know from the work you have undertaken that you will prize it and return it to me.

Only a few days ago I received the within letter from Mrs. Anna McKay Halsey of Crown Point Ave., Omaha Nebraska. I have been unable as yet to answer her letter. as I could find nothing of it in my book . And she gives very little information as a starter, she does not tell me her maiden name or if related to the Colliers. Nor how related. I knew very well Capt. Miles Collier, who lived here for many years. His son Barron G. Collier, spent much of his boyhood in my home. He is now one of the most prominent business men of New York, and is largely interested in Florida. But this Capt. Miles Collier did not marry a Miss Johnson. I cannot find in any of my family books Miles Collier of Elizabeth Collier mentioned by Mrs. Halsey. Will you carefully read Mrs. Halsey's letter and write your answer on the back of said letter as fully as the facts warrant and return the same to me?

The name Collier is French, and promounced by them Collia. , or Colia. The most remote one of the name I can now recall is Ralph Collier a frenchman who left France for England about the time Joan of Arc was killed. I will not tire you futher on this matter now, but ask you to answer Mrs. Halsey's letter on the vack thereof and return the sane to me.

I am sure that we are related and hope to have the pleasure of knowing you personally, Sincerely yours,

2738 Crown Point Ave.
Omaha, Neb.
Dec. 3-1927

Mrs. W. A. Collier Jr.
Dear Sir—

Perhaps you have any records of the Collier family which would show the ancestry of the following: Wanted, to find six Revolutionary ancestor for "D. A. R." If you do not have this could you refer me to some one who might know?

1. Miles Collier mar. Eliza Johnson and had in Alabama
2. Elizabeth) Collier born about 1818 d. 1834
married John C. Taylor. 1833
born 1815 in Tennessee
d. 1869 Mt. Vernon, Ills.

He want also to find his place in the Zachary (1) Taylor lineage
He was first cousin of President Z. (2) Taylor

Yours truly
(Mrs H. H.) Anna McK. Halsey

Miss J. C. Collier
Please write this on back way
and return to me at your
earliest convenience and
oblige Yours truly
W. A. Collier